[8th February 1924

Land Revenue.

Loans applied for and sanctioned in the Bellary district.

297 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) the number of applications for loans received in the Bellary district in the current fasli;

(2) the total amount of the loans so applied for;

(3) the amount sanctioned up to date for disbursement of loans; and

(4) the staff employed to deal with the applications for loans?

A.—(1) to (3) Information is available only for the quarter ending 30th September 1923 in the current fasli and is given in the following statement:—

Number of applications received.	Amount of loans applied for.	Amount sanctioned.
	RS.	RS.
380	1,21,834	89,774

(4) The following temporary staff has been employed in the Bellary taluk to deal with applications:—

One tahsildar.
Four revenue inspectors.
Three clerks.
Six peons.

Collection of loans advanced in the Bellary district.

298 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the villages in the Bellary district in which the collection of either the principal or interest or both of the loans advanced in faslis 1330 and 1331 under the Agricultural Improvement and Loans Acts, respectively, were since (*a*) postponed and (*b*) remitted?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for it.

Tree-tax on poramboke trees.

299 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount received by way of tree-tax on poramboke trees in each district in the year 1922–23 as well as in the year 1920-21;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the enhanced tax is to be paid on all trees whether they bear fruit or not;

(*c*) whether the Government have made any distinction regarding the tree-tax among various districts and, if so, where and why;

(*d*) whether the Government have received any memorials on this matter and whether they are aware that the enhancement of the tree-tax is causing considerable hardship and much opposition among the public; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any idea of revising the rates of the tree-tax at an early date?